GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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JUDICIAL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to appoint a special commission/committee to suggest reforms in judiciary/judicial process to root out couuption in the system and enable expeditious disposal of both criminal and civil matter; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS)

(a) and (b) : Yes Sir. The Constitution (Ninety-Eighth Amendment) Bill, 2003 has been introduced in the Parliament on May 9, 2003 for the setting up of National Judicial Commission. The proposed Commission shall:

(i) make recommendations of persons for appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts;

(ii) make recommendations for the transfer of Chief Justices of High Courts and the Judges of the High Courts from one High Court to any other High Court;

(iii) draw up a Code of Ethics for Judges of the Supreme Court, Chief Justices.of High Courts and the Judges ofllie High Courts;

(iv) inquire into, suo-moto or on a complaint or reference, cases of misconduct or such deviant behaviour of a Judge other than those calling for his removal and advise the Chief Justice of India or the Chief Justice of a High Court appropriately after such inquiry.